

ABSTRACT

This invention relates to the field of airbag covers such as are used in the interior of vehicles, and more specifically to an airbag cover having a novel tear seam. The tear seam is adapted to be located over a pair of deployment doors which are located behind the airbag cover. According to one embodiment, the tear seam includes a transverse segment having a width adapted to extend beyond the perimeter of the underlying deployment door. The tear seam also includes a first end segment and a second end segment. The transverse segment extends between and intersects each of the first end segment and the second end segment at locations distal from the perimeter of the underlying airbag door. The first end segment and second end segment each include at least one convex segment proximal the intersection of the first end segment with the transverse segment. Each convex segment is further adapted to be substantially perpendicular to a deployment induced stress pattern in the airbag cover.

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